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Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A multimedia mailbox system, comprising:
a message store for storing multimedia messages;
conversion means for converting messages in one medium to messages in another medium, said conversion means converting messages based on a type of target device being used to access the stored message;
summarization means for automatically summarizing the stored message, wherein said summarization means reduces messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user, said list of keywords applied to the stored message being based upon a sender of a message; and
organization means for organizing content of the stored message into a template, said template including information fields selected by a user and a number of characters for each field selected by said user, wherein said stored message is available for access in accordance with said template for said user.
2. (Original) A system according to claim 1 wherein said conversion means includes at least two selected from the group consisting of a text to speech converter, a speech to text converter, and a fax to text converter.
3. (Original) A system according to claim 1 further comprising means for determining the type of target device being used to access the stored message.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) A mailbox system, comprising:
a message store for storing messages;
means for summarizing message content of a stored message that operates as a function of a type of target device being used to access the stored message, wherein said summarization means reduces messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user,

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said list of keywords applied to the stored message being based upon a sender of a message; and

organization means for organizing the message content of the stored message into a template, said template including information fields selected by a user and a number of characters for each field selected by said user, wherein said stored message is available for access in accordance with said template for said user.

6. (Original) A system according to claim 5 wherein said means for summarizing is operative to summarize a stored message based on a predefined set of target device related parameters.

7. (Original) A system according to claim 6 wherein said predefined set of target device related parameters includes target device display size.

8. (Original) A system according to claim 6 wherein said predefined set of target device related parameters includes target device buffer size.

9. (Previously Presented) A system as set forth in claim 5 wherein said target device is a mobile device.

10. (Previously Presented) A system as set forth in claim 9 wherein said mobile device is a pager.

11. (Previously Presented) A system as set forth in claim 9 wherein said mobile device is a PDA.

12. (Previously Presented) A system as set forth in claim 9 wherein said mobile device is a cell phone.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for managing a multimedia mailbox system, comprising the steps of:

storing multimedia messages in a mailbox;

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converting messages in one medium to messages in another medium, said conversion of messages based upon a type of target device being used to access the stored message;

summarizing the stored message, wherein summarizing the stored message reduces messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user, said list of keywords applied to said text being based upon a sender of a message; and

organizing content of the stored message into a template, said template including information fields selected by a user and a number of characters for each field selected by said user, wherein said message is available for access in accordance with said template for said user.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein said step of converting messages includes utilizing at least two selected from the group consisting of a text to speech converter, a speech to text converter, and a fax to text converter.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13 further comprising determining a type of target device being used to access the stored message.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13 further comprising the step of summarizing message contents based on a type of target device being used to access the stored message.

17. (Previously Presented) A method for managing a mailbox system, comprising the steps of:

- a) storing messages in a mailbox;
- b) summarizing message content of a stored message as a function of a type of target device being used to access the stored message, wherein summarizing the stored message reduces messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user, said list of keywords applied to said text being based upon a sender of a message; and
- c) organizing the message content of the stored message into a template, said template including information fields selected by a user and a number of characters

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for each field selected by said user, wherein said stored message is available for access in accordance with said template for said user.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17 wherein said step of summarizing is operative to summarize a stored message based on a predefined set of target device related parameters.
19. (Original) A method according to claim 18 wherein said predefined set of target device related parameters includes target device display size.
20. (Original) A method according to claim 18 wherein said predefined set of target device related parameters includes target device buffer size.
21. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1 wherein information fields include sender name, time, summary, message priority and un-summarized text.
22. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 5 wherein information fields include sender name, time, summary, message priority and un-summarized text.
23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13 wherein information fields include sender name, time, summary, message priority and un-summarized text.
24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17 wherein information fields include sender name, time, summary, message priority and un-summarized text.
25. (Previously Presented) A multimedia mailbox system according to claim 1 wherein said list of keywords applied to said text being further based upon message subject.

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26. (Previously Presented) A multimedia mailbox system according to claim 1 further comprising:
- filter means for determining high priority messages; and
 - automatic means for automatically sending a summary of high priority messages to a designated user.
27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13 further comprising the steps of:
- determining which messages have high priority; and
 - automatically sending a summary of high priority messages to a designated user.
28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 27 wherein said step of determining further comprises the step of filtering to determine message priority.